True? × True!?
STRIKE WITCHES FAN BOOK

THE REASON WHY I FELL WAS NOT DUE TO THE JET STRIKER.
IT'S DUE TO MY LACK OF POWER.
BARK-HORN-SAN!?
YOU'RE GOING AGAINST ORDERS, FLIGHT LIEU-TENANT!
BARK-HORN!
5 MINUTES... THAT'S HOW LONG YOU CAN FLY.
5 MINUTES IS ENOUGH!

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BARK... HORN...?
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THERE'S TWO...!?
True? × True!?

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BA-BARKHORN-SAN, YOU'VE JUST BEEN TREATED, SO YOU MUSTN'T GET AGITATED FOR NOW.
WHY DOES IT LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME AS ME...!?
JUST WHAT IS THIS THING!

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THAT SAID, IT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A GUESS, AND TO EXAMINE THIS IN FURTHER DETAIL, WE WOULD HAVE GO TO MY HOMELAND, BUT...

COULD YOU HOLD ON FOR THAT?

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT, THAT GIRL IS LIKELY YOUR GERMAN POINTER FAMILIAR.
WHEN THE JET WAS DAMAGED, THE MAGIC POWER LOST ITS AIM AND OVERFLOWED, TAKING THE FLIGHT LIEUTENANT'S FORM WITH THE FAMILIAR AS ITS CORE... THAT MIGHT BE IT.
URSULA!
MAGIC POWER
JET

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, I AM ABLE TO GO ANY...!
MINNA!
I'M SORRY, BUT... DO LET US SIMPLY OBSERVE THIS CASE FOR THE TIME BEING.
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THIS IS AN ORDER, FLIGHT LIEUTENANT BARKHORN.
UNDERSTOOD. I WILL LOOK INTO THIS PECULIARITY.
AS SUCH, URSULA-SAN...
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT.
NO, I FIGURED IT WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THIS IF IT WAS YOU, WING COMMANDER, SO...
DON'T MAKE THAT FACE, TRUDE.
AS A FRIEND, I HAVE NO WISH TO SEE EXPERIMENTS DONE ON YOU... DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
MINNA...
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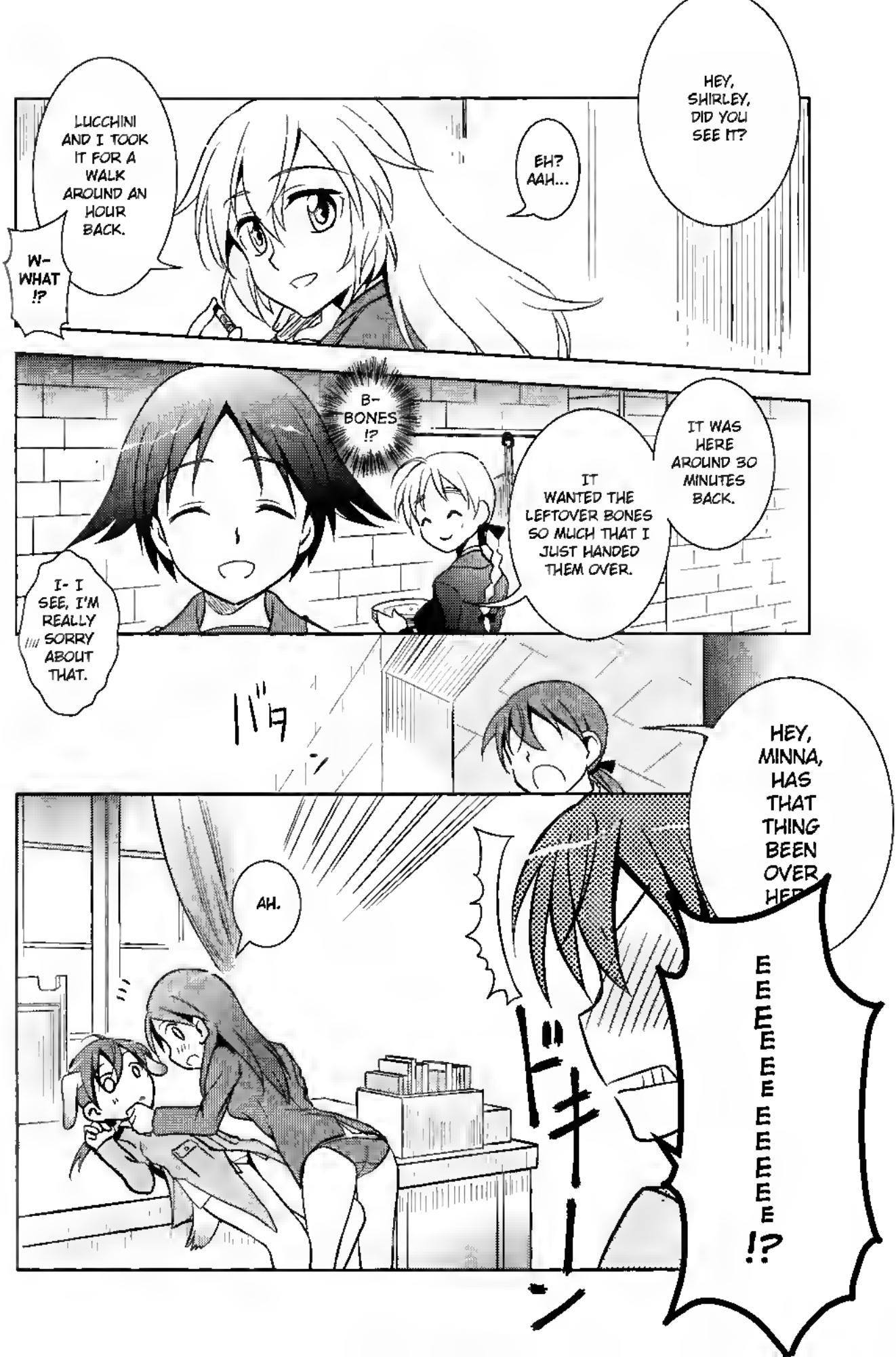
HEY, SHIRLEY, DID YOU SEE IT?
EH? AAH...
LUCCHINI AND I TOOK IT FOR A WALK AROUND AN HOUR BACK.
W- WHAT !?
IT WAS HERE AROUND 30 MINUTES BACK.
B- BONES !?
IT WANTED THE LEFTOVER BONES SO MUCH THAT I JUST HANDED THEM OVER.
I- I SEE, I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT THAT.
HEY, MINNA, HAS THAT THING BEEN OVER HER
EEEEEEEEEEE !?
AH.

TRUDE, IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.
THIS KID JUST LAID DOWN ON THE DESK LIKE THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN, RIGHT AFTER ENTERING THE ROOM.
I COULDN'T GET MY WORK DONE LIKE THAT, SO I WAS GOING TO GET IT UP...
A posture of obedience?
AAH.
AN- ANYWAY! DON'T YOU DARE CONTINUE DOING ANYTHING WEIRD WITH MY APPEARANCE...
LEADER (COMMANDER)
FOOD GROUP
WALK GROUP
OTHERS
DOGS' CLASSIFICATION
I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT OUT OF THE BLUE, BUT
IT TRULY IS A... DOG...
IT GOT AWAY!
H- HEY, MINNA, THAT'S NOT ME!
MY, MY, TRUDE.
How cute.

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...BARK-HORN.
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ISN'T IT ALL JUST THANKS TO NOT KNOWING WHAT THIS THING WILL GET UP TO NEXT!
Your appetite's fine though.
HEY HEY, YOU'RE LOOKING WORSE AS THE DAYS GO BY, YOU OKAY?
LIKE THIS MORNING! IT WAS ON MY BED, TAKING IN THE SMELL OF MY SHOES...
AS IF I'LL STAND FOR IT COMMITTING THOSE STRANGE ACTIONS IN MY FORM ANY FURTHER!
It messed everything else up though.
AFTER TRAINING, WHEN IT'S TOLD TO "RUN", IT KEEPS ON RUNNING WITH SUCH AMAZING STAMINA.
EEH, GERPO'S A GOOD KID, YOU KNOW?
AND IT ACTUALLY HAS SOME CHARM, UNLIKE THE ORIGINAL.
IT GOES ON ITS WALKS AND ALL.
THAT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE!
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LET'S PLAY!
YOU CAN JUST IGNORE THAT NAGGY, NOISY TRUDE!
WHAT WAS THAT!?
YOU SURE AREN'T HONEST.
WHAT?
OH- IT'S- NO- THING?
THAT ASIDE, I'LL TAKE THAT IF YOU AREN'T GOING TO EAT IT.
AS IF I'LL LET YOU!
DAMN!
WHY IS EVERYONE SO KIND TOWARDS IT...!

TRUDE!?
...IT'S FINE!
GO... GO ON AHEAD.
NEURO!!
Miyafuji, don't be late!
Hurry to the hangar!
AS EXPECTED, IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK, HUH...!?
DAMMIT...
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THERE'S NO RESPONSE FROM THE MAGIC ENGINE...
I CAN'T FLY.
MY CURRENT SELF HAS NEITHER A FAMILIAR, NOR ENOUGH MAGIC POWER...!

WHY HAVE YOU COME...
ARE YOU THINKING OF FLYING IN MY PLACE?
CERTAINLY, YOU PROBABLY COULD FLY, HUH...
WITH THAT FORM.
EVEN YOU, WITHOUT EVEN A HINT OF AERIAL COMBAT ABILITY...
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STOP IT!
DON'T GET INVOLVED WITH ME ANY LONGER!
UNTIL THERE'S A WAY TO RETURN TO HOW WE WERE...!
PLEASE DON'T GET INVOLVED WITH ME AT ALL...!

THERE'S NEWS FROM URSULA-SAN.
...THIS WILL BE TOUGH.
...H- HMM, THAT CERTAINLY IS...
Ugh...
IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT EVER SINCE THEN, RIGHT?
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OH! THAT'S GOOD NEWS, WELL, LET'S HURRY AND...
IT SEEMS THAT SHE HAS FOUND OUT HOW TO RE-CONTRACT WITH THE FAMILIAR.
...BUT MIO, THAT METHOD IS...
That's too high, Mio-kun!!
IT SEEMS THAT THE INABILITY TO FLY HAS GIVEN HER QUITE THE SHOCK...
YES... IT APPEARS THAT SHE REFUSES TO EVEN LISTEN...
I SEE...
IT'S ONLY NATURAL, THOUGH..

...HAH, I JUST CAN'T CALM DOWN UNLESS I DO SOMETHING.
TO THINK YOU DON'T NEGLECT YOUR TRAINING EVEN AT A TIME LIKE THIS.
PUSH-UPS?
THAT'S RATHER ADMIRABLE, BARKHORN.
SQUA-DRON LEADER ...
HAS THE MATTER WITH YOUR FAMILIAR BEEN RESOLVED YET?
...H!
...I GUESS.
COULDN'T YOU SPARE ME FROM THAT?
...EVEN YOU, SQUADRON LEADER, WANTS TO TALK ABOUT THAT...
HERE.
IT WOULD BE RUDE TO SAY THAT YOU'RE LONELY, BUT ALLOW ME TO ACCOMPANY YOU FOR SOME TRAINING AS WELL.

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DON'T YOU DARE LOOK DOWN ON THE SOLDIERS OF KARLSLAND!
WHAT WILL!
HOW'S THAT, BARKHORN? IT SHOULD BE GETTING TOUGH SOON, SHOULDN'T IT?
I SEE...
SQUADRON ...!?

I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST IT, BUT...
THAT STUBBORNESS OF YOURS...
THAT'S TO DEFEAT THE NEUROI, FOR THE SAKE OF PROTECTING EVEN A SINGLE PERSON MORE, ISN'T...
HMM... THAT'S RIGHT, THAT CERTAINLY IS TRUE.
BUT THERE IS A REASON WHY I AM FIXATED ON FIGHTING IN THE FOREMOST LINES.
THAT IS, WELL...
BARKHORN, THIS BLADE, REPPUMARU, IS ONE THAT REQUIRES A LITTLE DELICACY TO HANDLE IT.
THAT'S THE REASON WHY I ALWAYS CARRY IT ABOUT, BUT...
WHY DO YOU THINK I FORGED IT?
BECAUSE I WANTED TO FLY IN THE SAME SKY AS THE REST OF YOU.
...HEY, BARKHORN...
IF YOU WERE TO HOLD THE SAME FEELINGS AS I DO...

...HEY.
HERE.
YOU CAN HAVE THIS HALF.

H-HEY!
I DIDN'T SAY YOU COULD GET THAT CLOSE.
DON'T YOU START CRYING WITH THAT FACE OF MINE...
...IN THIS TIME.
I APOLOGISE FOR MY ACTIONS
...BUT!
TO BE HONEST, I CAN'T COME TO LIKE YOU!
EVEN FOR AN INSTANT, WITH THAT FORM...
GOING ON A WALK WITH THOSE LIBERIANS!
ALWAYS PLAYING WITH MIYAFUJI, HARTMANN AND ALL!
NOT TO MENTION, GETTING SPOILED SILLY BY MINNA'S KINDNESS...!!
EVEN IF YOU ARE THE OTHER SELF OF ME, HER AIDE, IT'S SIMPLY SHAMELESS, GEEZ...!
...BUT STILL.

I WISH TO FLY.
AND FOR THAT, I CAN'T KEEP AWAY FROM YOU... THAT IS WHAT I BELIEVE.
I WISH TO PROTECT EVERYONE... MY COMRADES AS I FLY.
IT'S A TRUCE FOR NOW.
...HENCE.

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JUST AS EXPECTED OF YOU, SQUADRON LEADER SAKAMOTO!
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STILL... WELL, IT TURNED OUT TO BE PRETTY TIGHT WITHOUT BARKHORN'S FIREPOWER, HUH.
IT WAS A LARGE-SCALE ONE, AFTER ALL.
I'M OUT OF AMMO...
LET'S HURRY AND REPORT BACK TO BARKHORN-SAN AND GERPO-CHAN AT THE BASE.
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WHAT IS IT, MINNA!?
TRUDE, DO YOU HEAR ME!?
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GOT IT? TRUDE?
WAKE EILA-SAN AND SANYA-SAN UP! RIGHT THIS MOMENT!
WHAT!?
HEY, MINNA, WHAT'S THE MATTER!
THE BASE IS IN DANGER!
THAT NEUROI EARLIER... IT'S BEEN KEEPING AWAY FROM THE BASE EVER SINCE WE ENGAGED IT...
IT'S A DECOY!
WHAT DID YOU SAY!!?

DAMMIT...
IT'S ALREADY CLOSE ENOUGH FOR THE NAKED EYE TO SEE IT, ISN'T IT...?
WHAT SHOULD I DO...
THERE ISN'T ENOUGH TIME TO WAKE THOSE TWO UP...!
YOU...
...!

NOW...
GOT IT!? DON'T YOU MESS UP AND EVEN THINK OF DEFEATING THAT NEURO!
THERE IS ONLY ONE THING YOU MUST DO!
I CAN ONLY DO AS MUCH AS I CAN FROM THE LAND!

TO NOT ALLOW THE NEURO! NEAR THE BASE UNTIL THE REST FALL IN!
THE RULES OF AERIAL COMBAT ARE...
PLEASE... BE SAFE...!
CALM DOWN!
THIS WON'T WORK.
DON'T I CLOSE YOUR EYES!
LOOK CLOSELY AT HOW THE ENEMY MOVES!
IT'LL REACH THE BASE WITH THIS ONE-SIDED DEFENCE.

IT'S THE LOSS OF VISION FROM THAT ENCLOSING FEAR.
TECHNIQUE ISN'T THE ROOTS OF THE PROBLEM....!
HOLD ON...
THAT NEUROI'S MOVE-MENTS...
HEY!
A HAT!
THAT NEUROI'S TRAJECTORY IS LIKE THAT OF A HAT! DON'T BE AFRAID!!
YOU CAN FORGET THE RULES OF AERIAL COMBAT FOR NOW.
CHASE IT DOWN WHILE FIRING THE MG 42!
SHOW ME THAT TALENT OF YOURS, YOUR STAMINA!!
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GOT IT!
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YES!
FLIGHT SERGEANT LYNETTE!
Gerpo!
HEY, GERPO FELL!
UGH!!

NNGH...
EVEN WITHOUT MY MAGIC POWER, THIS MUCH IS...
HEY!
STAY FOCUSED!
HEY...

TRUDE!
JUST GERPO!? WHERE DID BARKHORN...
...SHE'S THERE!

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HEY...
IT... JUST DISAPPEARED ALL OF A SUDDEN.
MINNA...
TRUDE... THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE FINE...

FOR THE WITCH TO KISS THE FAMILIAR WHILE IT'S UNCONSCIOUS... HUH.
I KNOW... I KNOW, TRUDE.
THE CONDITION TO RE-CONTRACT.
I THOUGHT TO HELP IN ANY WAY I COULD... AND WHEN I DID THAT.....
WHEN I PULLED IT OUT FROM THE SEA... IT WASN'T... BREATHING.

ARE YOU CRYING...?
...TRUDE?

IT SHOULD HAD BEEN JUST A TRUCE, BUT...
OF COURSE NOT!
I WILL LET YOU OFF WITH THESE TEARS...
THESE ARE ITS TEARS.
ALRIGHT... MY PARTNER.

THAT NIGHT
YOU BAS-TARDS !!
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THAT JUST MIGHT WORK.
There, there...
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AND TO THINK I BOUGHT A COLLAR FOR GERPO AND ALL...

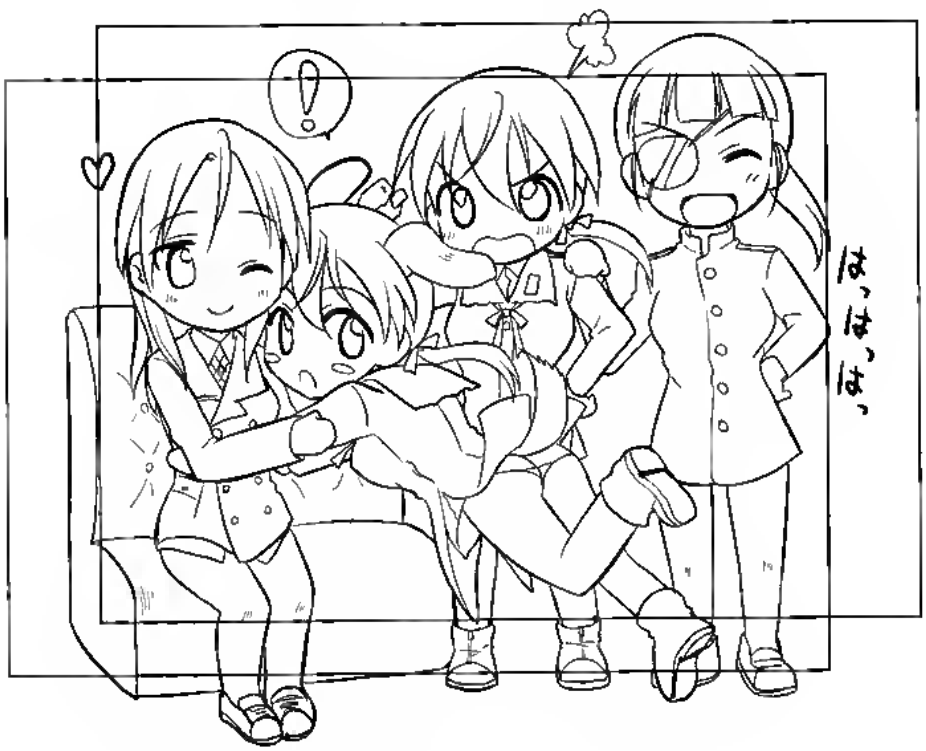
GOOD DAY & NICE TO MEET YOU. NIINA RYOU HERE (IT'S READ AS NII-NA).

FIRSTLY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ MY SHODDY MANGA.
(SORRY FOR THE USUAL CRAMMED STORYBOARD...)

I COULDN'T HOLD BACK MY LOVE FOR TRUDE, SO AS A JOKE, I'LL DO A TRUDExTRUDE!
OR SO I MENTIONED ON TWITTER, BUT THIS TIME, I HAVE FINALLY SEEN IT THROUGH.
DUE TO THAT, THE TIMES TRUDE APPEARS IN THE STORY GOT UPPED TO OO!
THIS HAS BEEN NOTHING, BUT MY OWN SELF-SATISFYING MANUSCRIPT...

ALTHOUGH I DID CALL IT A BOOK ABOUT TRUDE, REGARDING MINNA AND MO-SAN'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH TRUDE, I TRIED DRAWING THEM MORE ASSERTIVE THIS TIME ROUND.

I HOPE MO-SANxTRUDE'S SWEATY TRAINING IDIOT COMBO GETS MORE POPULAR...! (AHA)



ABOUT THE FAMILIAR SETTING, THE MAIN STORY IN THE ANIME BARELY TOUCHED ON IT,
SO I TOOK IT AS THE GO-AHEAD TO DO WHATEVER I LIKED.
WHEN I FIRST CAME UP WITH THIS CONCEPT OF SEPARATING FROM THE FAMILIAR, I
WANTED TO SEE A DOGGY TRUDE!
AND WITH THAT UTTERLY IMPURE (PERHAPS PURE IN ANOTHER SENSE) AIM, I PLANNED
TO ADD BITS OF LIGHT COMEDY; YOU CAN SEE THE TRACES AT THE STARTING. WOOF WOOF.

WELL THEN, LASTLY WOULD BE MY FUTURE ACTIVITIES, BUT...
THE FILM ADAPTION OF STRIKE WITCHES'S CONFIRMED, CONGRATULATIONS!!
I WILL STILL SUPPORT TRUDE AND STRIKE WITCHES FROM NOW FOR SURE!!!

I'M REALLY THINKING OF DOING AN ORIGINAL YURI WORK NEXT YEAR.
IF FATE ALLOWS IT, DO GIVE ME YOUR SUPPORT.

NOW THEN, UNTIL THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY WE MEET.
DANKE, AUF WIEDERSEHEN!!

AH, IT CAME TO ME WHILE DRAWING. PROBABLY, THIS BOOK...
WAS BECAUSE I WANTED TO DO A TRUDE VERSION OF "SUZUNARI!"... (HAHA)

I DIDN'T COUNT JUST HOW MANY TIMES TRUDE APPEARED IN THE END,
BUT WHEN THINGS SETTLE DOWN AFTER THE BOOK IS COMPLETED,
I BELIEVE I'LL TAKE MY TIME COUNTING.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING THIS
SELF-SATISFYING BOOK TILL THE END.
I REALLY HAVE TO EXPRESS MY THANKS TO THE DEAR READERS.

NIINA RYOU

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